THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Government is not aware of the ruins of fort of Bargasur in Uttaranchal. There is, however, a fort called Banasur, after the mythological Asura King Bana, at village Rauteli Mahra in district Champawat, Uttaranchal, which is under protection of the State Government of Uttaranchal.

**Funds for tourism in Jammu and Kashmir**

1754. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the projects being taken up jointly by the State and the Central Government to boost tourism in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government for the various tourism related projects;

(c) the details of amount already released; and

(d) what is the status of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The details of the projects sanctioned in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

It has also been decided to take up the following works in Jammu & Kashmir during the current financial year:

1. Restoration/conservation/development of Kheer Bhawani Shrine at Tulmula, Ganderbal, Kashmir, and its environment.
2. Restoration/conservation/development of Shrine Complex at Baba-Rishi Sahib, Tangmarg, Kashmir, and its environment.
3. Upgradation of Amarnath Ji Yatra and provision of Shelter units etc.
4. Improvement of tourism circuit-Vaishno Devi-Patnitop-Srinagar-Gulmarg.
5. Improvement of tourism facilities in and around Aishmuquam Shrine, Kashmir.

***Statement***

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| Year | Name of the Project | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2000-2001 | Information Technology | 4.00 | 2.00 | Utilisation Certificate awaited |
| -do- | Construction of Public Conveniences at six places at Gompass in Leh. | 15.00 | 12.00 | -do- |
| -do- | Beautification of pilgrim spot Uttarbehani, Jammu | 16.38 | 13.00 | -do- |
| -do- | Beautification of Pilgrim Spot at Purmandal, Jammu | 23.37 | 18.70 | -do- |
| -do- | Putting of Signages in Jammu & Kashmir | 25.00 | 7.50 | -do- |
| -do- | Upgradation/Renovation of huts and other appurtenant accommodation at Tourist Resort, Yousmarg, Kashmir | 29.18 | 23.35 | -do- |
| -do- | Installation of Musical fountain at Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu | 30.00 | 30.00 | Completed |
| -do- | Development of Chasma Awami at Habak near Shadad Garden, Srinagar | 42.41 | 12.72 | Utilisation Certificate awaited |
| -do- | Tourist Reception Centre at Chandanwari, Pahalgam, Kashmir | 45.00 | 22.50 | -do- |
| -do- | Development of Bagh-e-Shagoofa at Nigeen Hazratbal, Srinagar | 46.59 | 37.27 | -do- |
| -do- | Construction of Sindhu Ghat at Shey Leh (Phase-I) | 98.00 | 92.00 | Completed. Utilisation Certificate received. |
| -do- | Upgradation of Hotel Heemal at Boulevard | 100.00 | 50.00 | Utilisation Certificate awaited. |
| 2001-2002 | Buddha Mahotsav at Deskit | 5.00 | 4.00 | Completed |
| -do- | Sindhu Darshan at Leh | 25.00 | 25.00 | Completed |
| -do- | Computerisation of Tours and Travel Division, J&K State Tourism Development Corporation. | 35.50 | 31.95 | Utilisation Certificate awaited. |
| 2002-2003 | Sindhu Darshan | 26.00 | 22.83 | Utilisation Certificate awaited. |
| -do- | Devachan Mahabodhi Meditation Centre, Leh-Construction of Meditation Hall (Balance Work) | 49.64 | 49.64 | -do- |
| -do- | Lighting of Leh Palace and adjoining protected buildings | 18.74 | 17.00 | -do- |